



Any- Lengths Online Group Business meeting 03/30/2024

Members Present.

1	David	2	Brent	3	Patrick	4	April
5	Kim	6	Dee	7	Cate	8	Susan
9	Sherri	10	Jack	11	Caroline	12	Kris
13	Paula	14		15		16	
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Meeting opened at 13:15 PST. with the Serenity Prayer

Reading Of Previous Meetings Minutes

- Motion To Accept: Kim, 2nd Patrick

Reports Of Officers, Boards, and Committees

Treasurer Report - Patrick H. (No Alt - Mike G.-interim)

Patrick: Opened a business account which doesn't accommodate zelle without paying \$16; EIN was required, obtained, registered as non-profit and tax exempt if balance lower than \$5g. I90N (e-post card) required annually to establish Non-profit status.

Any-lengths.com meets criteria. Asks for approval of group to open this account

Financial Report not-yet prepared due to lack of official hand-off between Mike and Patrick. Contributions were made, however and no outgoing payments dispersed. David shared a couple of contributions he was aware of (totalling around \$68.98)

Kris requested to discuss 7th tradition protocol to address limited funds.

Hesitation to lower prudent reserve due to the estimated cost of account at \$200/year.

Paypal, zelle and checks are acceptable ways to send contributions.

- Motion To Accept: David; 2nd Dee

GSR Report - Sherri. (Jaime Alt)

Per responses received, questions proposed for general membership

District doing well, budget in process of being approved, sending all GSR info to member drive on web-page for general viewing; if any questions, just ask!

- Motion To Accept David, 2nd Susan

Service Coordinator - Cate (Brent Alt)

Everything going well with next roster. Hybrid option well received but not utilized. Alternate option, however, is getting filled and engaging people in service. Some new service providers being trained.

- Motion To Accept Brent, 2nd David

Webmaster Report - David S. (No Alt)

Forms			
Proof Of Attendance	67	Membership	
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Everything hunky dory. No update on emails bouncing back.

- Motion Dee, David

Birthdays & Milestones Report - Kris (No Alt)

Virtual -		1 Month -	1	2 Month -	
3 Month -	1/	6 Month -	1/1	9 Month -	
1 Year -		2 Year -		3+ Years -	2

- Motion David, 2nd Kim

Chairperson Report

Sunday	Caroline	Still going well; fewer people on Sundays than other weekly meetings. No issues.
Monday	Dee	Starts out slow (4-5) ends up 13-17 people.
Tuesday	LeRoy	Per April "seems normal" with speakers most every time
Wednesday	John (Kansas)	Per Kim: Going well, speaker weekly
Thursday	April W.	Smaller than usual, some newcomers
Friday	Kim	Having a blast! Ave. 15 people every Friday, also starting out slow.
Saturday	Caroline /Sherri	Bigger 20-24

- Motion To Accept Dee, Sherri

Special Orders (these include time-specific or time-sensitive business, such as elections)

- 1 Election of Trusted Servants

Sherry recognizes her GSR term will be 2 years in December, so in the spirit of rotation, opening it up for someone else to vote on.

- Alt-Secretary (1 year term - 1 year sobriety)-
- Alt-Treasurer (1 year term - 2 years sobriety)-
- Alt-Webmaster (2 year term - 1 year sobriety)-
- Speaker Seeker (3 month term - 6 month sobriety)-
- Meeting Chair (90 Days Sobriety)-
- Tech and Chat Host (90 Days Sobriety)-

Unfinished business and general orders

Sherry	Committee mtg.
Historic Background	The 2nd week in March is looking into suggestions for how to address 7th tradition contributions and welcomes input for that. Sherry will bring information back to Any-length's next business meetings so we can discuss how to adequately inform and streamline the importance of this tradition.
Discussion/Motion	<p>Sherry: as member of finance committee in district, in an attempt to make things easier to get away from the notion of a physical address for a bank account, they are inviting suggestions. Patrick provided some ideas in transferring accounts.</p> <p>Jack makes a motion, Paula 2nd. to approve Patrick going forward in establishing account as described earlier, including \$16/zelle fee. Approved.</p> <p>Paula: invite discussion for how to bring up 7th tradition contributions in meetings.</p>
Vote	

New Business

For voting results for GSR topics please see Appendix 1.

GSR	2)Conference Committee: Literature — Item F: Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
Historic Background	In 2021, the Conference approved a recommendation that a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible. In our google drive is a folder entitled

History of Plain Language Big Book Project. (The 70 th GSC video, recent presentation from chair of PLBB, and a FQA sheet.)
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_kYjQC-ltvy7knH9BF2e7fuUvSTgY1q?usp=drive_link

Following the 2023 General Service Conference, the Conference Committee on Literature agreed with the general direction of the project and requested that it continue to move forward. Conference members were also permitted to review the draft of the book privately and securely in a reading room. This year I will be starting my conference a day early. The Conference Committee on Literature will have from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday to review the draft, discuss, and form a conscience. During the week, all other conference members will be given two hours in the “reading room” to read the draft in anticipation of discussion once we meet as a full conference.

Once my committee reviews the draft manuscript, several things may happen.

Among them:

- o The literature committee may make a recommendation to publish the book (perhaps with minor editorial changes), then the full Conference discusses and votes. (2/3 substantial unanimity to become advisory action.)
- o The Committee might send the manuscript back to the Trustees’ Committee on Literature with any significant concerns about the proposed draft.
- o The Committee could make a recommendation not to proceed with the project.

The subcommittee in 2022 affirmed:

“That the objective is to achieve a translation into plain language that meets the accessibility needs of those with a 5th-grade reading level. The request to prospective translators noted specifically that, ‘we are seeking simplification of vocabulary, syntax, and style to bring it into alignment with current plain language guidelines’ and that, ‘sensitivity to A.A.-specific language will be key.’ The committee further discussed potential gender changes at the February 2022 meeting, emphasizing that there is no intent or desire to remove gender from the text.” We know from last year that Jaywalker is now female, and we know that it’s now “To the Partners”, and it’s my understanding that they looked for opportunities to not use gender neutral language so much as look at incorporation more varied (feminine) gender terms. Lastly, there is a Letter of Understanding that all Conference Members must sign before they can view the draft (including Conference Literature). This is a deviation from all prior conferences as we have always had a “spiritual handshake” when reviewing confidential information.

My Interpretation: Plain language: is this relatable and accessible to our Group? Balance of 70% between male and female. Attempt to make “companion” book more gender neutral. Are we flexible today in our thinking to have another translation of our Beloved Big Book? Have we gone so far that the use of a sponsor and a dictionary not enough for people to get sober? For

	<p>example, when meetings are ASL interpreted ASL is a language within itself. Another example the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions has an explanation after each of the Steps.</p> <p>Crystal spoke about not worrying about #3 as it will not be enforced.</p> <p>Our Delegate needs to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is concern that an “explanation of the steps, traditions, and concepts” might be in this book. Do you feel this would be in direct contrast with Article 3 of the Conference Charter and Bylaws? 2. How do you view “Relatability” when it comes to this book? 3. How do you feel about the letter of understanding all conference members must sign before reading draft?
Discussion/Motion	
Vote	

GSR	<p>5. Conference Committee: Literature — Item J At the 2023 General Service Conference, the Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities requested that the trustees’ Literature Committee consider updating the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” to add language on working with alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges, and diverse neurological abilities.</p>
Historic Background	<p>At the July trustees’ Literature Committee meeting, the committee discussed this request, and asked several members to begin developing appropriate draft language that addresses the challenges of alcoholics with experiences of racism and trauma. At the October trustees’ Literature Committee meeting, the committee reviewed a progress report and a draft mock-up of the revisions to date. The Trustees’ Literature Committee has submitted a full progress report to the Conference Committee on Literature; they will review this progress report at the Conference this year. The full progress report is available in the background materials.</p> <p>My Interpretation: The Ad-Hoc Committee delved into areas they were not asked for.</p> <p>Why did the committee go in the direction they went? Was it to sell videos? Is there a hidden agenda? Crystal believes there should be an accounting of the Ad-Hoc Committee’s actions.</p> <p>Our Delegate needs to know: Are you concerned with the direction the Ad Hoc committee went with the initial request from Treatment & Accessibilities to the topics discussed in its report?"</p>
Discussion/Motion	<p>Susan points out that this is an item we are really interested in, but wants to hear the discussion. Going to a conference and listening is an interest.</p> <p>Sherri makes a motion to table further discussion until April 6 to specifically discuss these issues. 2nd by Susan. As well as to</p>

	<p>make announcements throughout the week to let membership know we plan to do this.</p> <p>David reminds people to review the information online for more information on this topic, which provides a space for input. GSR Folder on the website.</p>
Vote	Passed to table this discussion until next Saturday following regular meeting.

GSR	17. Conference Committee: Policy/Admissions — Item D: Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure
Historic Background	<p>In 2021, two advisory actions passed at the Conference. The first recognized online groups and encouraged their participation, listing those groups who asked to be listed within the group’s preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group’s primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as “international Correspondence Meetings,” The second advisory action in 2021 was that the Board form a committee to explore future possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada General Service structure. In 2023, the committee requested delegates find out more about the online groups in their areas and requested that the ad-hoc committee provide them with sample questions they may use in that inquiry. The background has the history and current reporting, current database information, the survey of area delegates, regional forums and workshop presentations, and the international perspectives from the World Service Meeting.</p> <p>My Interpretation: I could write a novel on this topic. I will not. In the spirit of AA, I will say that Crystal our Delegate did not spend much time on this topic. She did note however that this topic will be discussed further within the Area 72 Quarterlies. Crystal also stated we may be able to find a solution within our Area first. And that while the process of AA’s progress is slow, we have a better chance of accomplishing our goal with patience and the support of an Area.</p> <p>Our Delegate needs to know: How does your group feel about the participation of online groups in the General Service Structure? What have been the challenges and solutions as participation has increased? What more can be done to increase awareness to online groups about their ability to participate? How should online groups participate? Should there be an online-only area or areas? Online-only districts? Or is the current situation working well right now?"</p>
Discussion/Motion	This will also be tabled until April 6.
Vote	

Cate & Carroline	Script Options
Historic Background	
Discussion/Motion	
Vote	

Cate	Change Tuesday/absi to non speaker
Historic Background	Having trouble finding chairs for speaker meetings
Discussion/Motion	Motion Paula, 2nd Brent for chair to pick a reading, a reader reads it, and this is the topic for the Tuesday format. David will update/clarify the bylaws to allow for this.
Vote	pass

Brent	Every day let the group conscience of those attending before the meeting whether or not to read either How it Works OR More about Alcoholism, and after one of those is read, read the Twelve Traditions every day.
Historic Background	I would love to see what In my experience with every in person meeting I've EVER been to, become the standard with the readings at the beginning of the meeting. Which is this- Every day let the group conscience of those attending before the meeting whether or not to read either How it Works OR More about Alcoholism, and after one of those is read, read the Twelve Traditions every day. I believe it is in the service to every newcomer who attends our meeting to be exposed to the Twelve Traditions from the start. And I don't believe it is a service to anyone to say that someone does not need to see the traditions until some later date. As with most things in AA new comers pick up bits and pieces as they continue attending meetings. We cannot predict when or if someone will come to understand the traditions, so we should default to having them available at every meeting. As for reading More About Alcoholism or the How it Works, the group conscience would reflect the attendance of new comers, and how often How it Works has been read in the past few days, with respect to recent newcomers so they are exposed to the steps. This system is what we use at Every in person meeting I've ever been to. I believe it's a functional standard the works in favor of newcomers. And best reflects Tradition 5 specifically, and to some degree some of the other traditions as well.
Discussion/Motion	Read <u>EITHER</u> more about alcoholism Or How it works daily , and read <u>12 Traditions</u> daily . Cate to modify scripts to reflect this.
Vote	Dee descents, however majority in favor

	David dissents because it keeps changing and script updates are slated for June; Dee dissents bc it was just changed. Due to dissent, group agreed to wait until June to change scripts and implement at this time. Paula made motion to take this motion off the table pending June's script health check/scheduled changes.
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Next Business Meeting date 04/27/2024

Special Meeting Saturday April 6, 2024, following regularly scheduled mtg.

Closed at Pacific Time

- Motion to close Paula, 2nd Brent Closed

Business to carry forward/Announcements

- Meeting Scripts Health Check June 2024

Appendix 1

1) Conference Committee: Item B:	2)Conference Committee: Literature — Item F:	3)Conference Committee: Agenda Topic H:	4)Conference Committee: Agenda Topic I:	5. Conference Committee: Literature — Item J:	6. Conference Committee: Literature — Item K:	7. Conference Committee: Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item B:	8. Conference Committee: Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item C:	9. Conference Committee: Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item D:	10. Conference Committee: Int'l Conventions/Regional Forums — Item G:	11. Conference Committee: Cooperation with the Professional Community — Item E:	12. Conference Committee: Corrections — Item D:	13. Conference Committee: Finance — Item C:	14. Conference Committee: Grapevine and La Viña — Item C:	15. Conference Committee: Grapevine and La Viña — Item D:	16. Conference Committee: Grapevine and La Viña — Item E:	17. Conference Committee: Policy/Admissions — Item D:
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